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- AN ACT Relating to moving and relocation expenses; and amending RCW 8.26.035.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 Sec. 1. RCW 8.26.035 and 1988 c 90 s 3 are each amended to read as 5 follows:
- 6 (1) Whenever a program or project to be undertaken by a displacing 7 agency will result in the displacement of any person, the displacing 8 agency shall provide for the payment to the displaced person of:
- 9 (a) Actual reasonable expenses in moving himself, his family, 10 business, farm operation, or other personal property;
- 11 (b) Actual direct losses of tangible personal property as a result
 12 of moving or discontinuing a business or farm operation, but not to
 13 exceed an amount equal to the reasonable expenses that would have been
 14 required to relocate the property, in accordance with criteria
 15 established by the lead agency;
- 16 (c) Actual reasonable expenses in searching for a replacement 17 business or farm; and
- 18 (d)(i) Actual reasonable expenses necessary to reestablish a 19 displaced farm, nonprofit organization, or small business at its new

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1 site, <u>by rule</u>, in accordance with criteria established by the lead 2 agency((, but not to exceed ten thousand dollars)).

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- (ii) All rules adopted to establish reasonable expenses under this subsection (1)(d) shall be made prior to December 1st of any year and do not take effect before the end of the regular legislative session the following year.
- (2) A displaced person eligible for payments under subsection (1) of this section who is displaced from a dwelling and who elects to accept the payments authorized by this subsection in lieu of the payments authorized by subsection (1) of this section may receive an expense and dislocation allowance determined according to a schedule established by the lead agency.
- (3) A displaced person eligible for payments under subsection (1) 13 14 of this section who is displaced from the person's place of business or 15 farm operation and who is eligible under criteria established by the 16 lead agency may elect to accept the payment authorized by this 17 subsection in lieu of the payment authorized by subsection (1) of this section. The payment shall consist of a fixed payment in an amount to 18 19 be determined according to criteria established by the lead agency, except that the payment shall be not less than one thousand dollars nor 20 more than twenty thousand dollars. A person whose sole business at the 21 displacement dwelling is the rental of that property to others does not 22 23 qualify for a payment under this subsection.

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